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(54) Recording medium, recording apparatus and reproduction apparatus for selecting reproduction order of only specific digital data

(57) The recording medium of this invention is recorded with a plurality of digital data and a plurality of reproduction path information defining a reproduction order of the plurality of digital data, wherein the plurality of reproduction path information includes first reproduction path information defining a reproduction order of all of the plurality of digital data recorded on the recording medium and second reproduction path information defining a reproduction order of at least one of the plurality of digital data recorded on the recording medium.

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claim : 1 4 8 10

Recording medium, recording apparatus, reproduction apparatus and program storage medium : a plurality of path information defining a reproduction order of at least one of the plurality of digital data is recorded on the medium with the plurality of digital data. The reproduction order can be selected by the user via an editor.

2. Claims: 2 3 5-7 9 11

Recording medium, recording apparatus, reproduction apparatus and program storage medium : path information defining a reproduction order of a plurality of digital data is recorded on the medium with one plurality of digital data, and at least one of the plurality of digital data to reproduce according to path information has not been recorded on the recording medium, that is why the reproduction path info includes flag info indicating whether or not each of the plurality of digital data has been recorded on the recording medium. When flag info indicates that digital data has not been recorded on the recording medium, a controller controls obtaining digital data from outside the recording apparatus in accordance with the address info. The reproduction order can be selected by the user via an editor.

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